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By: **Washington County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Washington  
4 County to issue a caterer's license to certain license holders; establishing a  
5 certain caterer's license fee; authorizing the holder of a caterer's license to  
6 provide alcoholic beverages to certain persons in a certain location; requiring  
7 that a license holder provide food as well as alcoholic beverages for consumption;  
8 authorizing a license holder to use the license only during certain times;  
9 requiring a license holder to return alcoholic beverages after a catered event to  
10 a certain location; requiring that certain license holders give a certain notice to  
11 the Board of License Commissioners; increasing and altering certain alcoholic  
12 beverages license fees; establishing certain alcoholic beverages licenses and fees;  
13 establishing the hours certain licensees may sell alcoholic beverages on certain  
14 days; clarifying language; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in  
15 Washington County.

16 BY adding to  
17 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
18 Section 6-708.1  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
22 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
23 Section 7-101(t), 10-503(w), and 11-403(a)(8)  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
27 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

2 6-708.1.

3 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

4 (B) THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ISSUE A CATERER'S  
5 LICENSE TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS B OR POURING BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

6 (C) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$500.

7 (D) A CATERER'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES THE  
8 HOLDER TO PROVIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO SPONSORS OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE  
9 EVENTS THAT ARE HELD OFF THE CLASS B OR POURING BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR  
10 LICENSE PREMISES; AND11 (E) THE HOLDER OF A CATERER'S LICENSE SHALL PROVIDE FOOD AS WELL AS  
12 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION AT THE CATERED EVENT.13 (F) A HOLDER MAY EXERCISE THE PRIVILEGES UNDER THIS LICENSE ONLY  
14 DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS THAT ARE PERMITTED FOR A CLASS B OR POURING  
15 BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE.16 (G) A HOLDER SHALL RETURN ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT REMAIN  
17 AFTER A CATERED EVENT ENDS TO THE HOLDER'S LICENSED PREMISES.18 (H) (1) AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE A CATERED EVENT, THE HOLDER OF A  
19 CATERER'S LICENSE WHO IS CATERING THE EVENT SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE TO  
20 THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

21 (2) THE NOTICE SHALL STATE:

22 (I) THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PATRON; AND

23 (II) THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE CATERED EVENT.

24 (3) EACH CATERED EVENT SHALL BE OPEN TO INSPECTION BY THE  
25 STAFF OF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

26 7-101.

27 (t) (1) This subsection applies only in Washington County.

28 (2) (i) There is a special Class C (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor  
29 license, which shall be issued solely to clubs having an annual on-sale beer, wine and  
30 liquor license. This special license entitles the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages at  
31 any place other than its regular place of business.

32 (ii) The license permits sales for a period not to exceed five days.

33 (iii) The daily fee is [\$30] \$50. [There is no fee on Sunday.]

1 (3) (i) There is an additional special license, referred to locally as a  
2 "picnic" license. This license permits the club owner to sell only beer OR BEER AND  
3 WINE at any place other than the club owner's regular place of business.

4 (ii) [The license may be exercised only on Sundays between 12  
5 noon and midnight notwithstanding daylight saving time.

6 (iii)] The license fee FOR A BEER LICENSE is [\$15] \$25 per [each  
7 Sunday a] "picnic" [is held].

8 (III) THE LICENSE FEE FOR A BEER AND WINE LICENSE IS \$35 PER  
9 "PICNIC" .

10 10-503.

11 (w) (1) This subsection applies only in Washington County.

12 (2) In this subsection, "Board" means the Board of License  
13 Commissioners.

14 (3) The Board may not transfer an alcoholic beverages license until the  
15 transferor has paid all County taxes that are due and owed under the license and has  
16 certified by affidavit to the Board that no County taxes are due and owed.

17 (4) Upon transfer of a license, the Board shall impose:

18 (I) a fee of[:

19 (i)] \$400 each time the license is transferred; and

20 (ii) [\$100 each time the transfer is advertised] THE AMOUNT  
21 NEEDED TO PAY THE COST OF ADVERTISING THE TRANSFER.

22 11-403.

23 (a) (8) (i) In Washington County, except as provided in subparagraphs (ii)  
24 and (iii) of this paragraph, [a Class A, Class B, and Class C on-sale licensee] ALL  
25 CLASSES OF LICENSEES may sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday from 12 noon to 12  
26 midnight.

27 (ii) A Class B,[ and] Class C, AND POURING on-sale [licensee]  
28 LICENSEES may sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in  
29 Washington County if:

30 1. The consumer places an order for a meal simultaneously  
31 or before placing an order for an alcoholic beverage; or

32 2. The consumer is entitled to a meal on the licensed  
33 premises as part of a prearranged event.

1                   (iii)       When a federal holiday falls on a Monday, a [Class A,] Class B,  
2 Class C, [or] Class D, OR POURING on-sale licensee may sell alcoholic beverages from  
3 12 noon on the immediately preceding Sunday to 2 a.m. on THE Monday ON WHICH  
4 THE HOLIDAY FALLS.

5       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2000.